

PICKET SHOTS

Only, written "I wish to correct a statement in your paper of Sept. 13, 1888, in regard to the Fifth Brigade, Second Division, Army of the Ohio. You say the brigade was commanded by Col. William H. Harrison. It was Col. Kirk that commanded the Fifth Brigade, Second Division, Army of the Ohio, at the battle of Shiloh, and it was Col. Harrison that commanded the First Brigade, Second Division, in favor of giving credit where it belongs."

D. Miller, Co. K, 334 Ill., Sheldon, Mo., says, "I have been looking for some of the few survivors of the battle of Shiloh, and I have not been able to find any." He went down on the night of March 2, 1893, between Memphis and Vicksburg, to write that tragedy. There was a small squad of men, cool, and among them a few of the survivors of the battle. They had been from any of the best in regard to that terrible night, but by writing these few lines hope to call out some of the

Information Asked and Given.
C. C. Davis, Cos. L and M, 9th and 11th Tenn. Cav., Thaler, Tenn. writes: "I see that the present Congress has passed a bill allowing the man the name of Dickerson or Dickinson at Knoxville, Tenn., \$95,000 or \$185,000 for cotton taken by Gen. Birdside in the siege of Knoxville. I am somewhat surprised at this. Now what I want to know is, do any of the comrades who were in that siege remember of seeing a bale of cotton used for breakworks? I was in the siege of Knoxville, and was a member of the 11th Tennessee. I am sure that I saw the hearing of a bale of cotton being used for the defenses. Speak up, comrades, in the old NATIONAL TRIBUNE and tell whether you ever saw any cotton used there. I hope Col. Matson will be able to get the First will be laid in the shade in November."

D. D. Kidd, Co. I, 124th N. Y., Newburg, N. Y. having seen the article by C. P. Nash, Brattleboro, Vt., regarding the insanity of one Robert Buffum, supposed to be one of the party who captured the locomotive, says that Robert Buffum came to Newburg about 20 years ago, purchased a pistol and shot the wife of a neighbor man, and then fled to Canada. Nash's story may be alluded to by the coroner on the coroner's jury, and is giving the facts as they occurred. Buffum gave himself up, was put in jail and tried to kill himself by hitting out his brains against the walls of his cell. He was sent to the Lunatic Asylum, and finally committed suicide. His trouble and insanity were undoubtedly brought on by his treatment in rebel prisons.

from a company commander who was a member of the company first known as the Kane Co. 1st Cav., who were mustered out as Co. H, 15th Cav., at Little Rock Ark., in August, 1865. Since that time, he has been in the employ of the U. S. Army and can give him the addresses of Frank Clark John Beebe, Charles Boecker, Cain Hill or C. Carey, they will confer a great favor.

J. W. Simpson, Rosemont, Kan., says he has known the real hero of the story, Capt. U.S.A., and, although not a soldier, is the son of a man who yielded up his life in defense of his country in Andersonville Prison. His father was a member of Co. K, 53d Regt. I. Ill. Inf., U.S.A., and was the "Wildcat." He was too young to remember him, and knows but little regarding his services. He would be much pleased to see a member of the 53d F. A. would write some of the things that he has heard and read concerning his father's service.

J. M. Hobson, Co. A, 50th Ind., Winters, Iowa, says, in answer to Sheriff Sherry, Co. 9th Wis., who asked where Gen. Steele was the battle of Jenkins Ferry, April 30, 1894, that he saw the General on the night of April 29, 1894, at 11 o'clock, surrounded by his staff with their horses harnessed toward the battlefield. He (Hobson) was wounded about 6 o'clock near the double log house west of the road running to the river, and was taken to a hospital across the river, and thought as he crossed on the pontoon and saw the General that he was on the safe side of the stream. When he was asked what has become of the 50th Ind., and hopes one of them will reply immediately.

J. G. Haham, Co.,—13th Pa. Cav., Rochester Mills, Pa., says the comrade who answered his inquiry as to the fate of Lieut. Henry Baskin, Co. D, 13th Pa. Cav., says he was killed by a band of outlaws, committed by a member of the same company, having performed the affair in the same manner as some persons give a full account of the matter through the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, the befriended of the soldier ever published.

J. H. Jackman, Cos M and B, 7th Ind. Inf., Peru, Neb., says that at the fight at Gustavus Miss, June 9, 1864, Capt. Joel H. Elliott at the time, Sloan was wounded and captured by the rebels and sent for Memphis several hundred miles away. Lieut. Sloan gave

his horse pistol, watch and saber to take care of. On the road he was compelled to leave Capt. Elliott, who also gave him his watch, saber and pistols to take to Memphis for him. The captured Capt. Elliott, but Jackman arrived safely at Memphis with Lieut. Sloane and his men. Capt. Elliott was a white man, a time when the Germans were by the Indians, as he would like to hear from Lieut. Sloane, as he hopes if he sees this he will write to him.

Capt. Robert Myers, 50th Ohio, Cleveland, O., says that two daughters of Thomas Morgan served in the 12th Ohio Cav., would be pleased to hear from any comrade who knew anything regarding him. He came home

West, and has never since been heard from. His wife died about six years ago, and the grandmother raised the two girls. If Morsie is dead his children are entitled to pension, and as the grandmother is in very poor circumstances, any comrade who can furnish any information of their father will confer a great favor upon these girls.

Personal.

Serg't Henry Myers, the gallant Color-guard of the 69th Ind., who planted the first flag upon the ramparts of Fort De Ensey during the Red River campaign, is a prosperous farmer near Decatur, Ind. He has increased in weight to 170 pounds, and would be pleased to see a

of his old comrades who may happen in neighborhood.

Comrade Matt Wells has changed his residence to the Center, Wis., to Richard C. Wis., and will be pleased to see any of his comrades at his new residence.

Give Them Their Due.

Alexander O. Ellis, Palmyra Post, No. 1, G.A.R., Palmyra, Mo., thinks Comrade J. Davis is right in asking the boys who wore blue to wheel into line, fix bayonets, and the Stars and Stripes and march to Washington and demand from Congress their rights, being giving Col. Matson a shake to arouse him if his slumbers, when he has been done.

Remember the boys! of the old b-

are not on to be pensioned, very few would be left to get their dues. He would like to hear from some of the boys of the 24th, 25th and 26th Ohio who were with him on Cheat Mountain, in the winter of 1861, '2.

Our constituents.

Charles Bush, Co. F, Purnell Legion, and I. Ist Md., Salline, Kan., thinks *The NATIVE TRIBUNE* surpasses all other papers in its advocacy of soldiers' rights. For this all the more, he suggests that every old soldier read it. But besides this, it is worth double the price advertised for its other features, as "Fighting Them Over" cannot but be of interest to the men who risked life and limb to

W. S. Hammond, Post No. 415, G. A. R., Lehigh, Pa., says: "The soldiers of our vintage are interested in the statement of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE taken in reference to President Cleveland's vetoes, and are loud in praise of your paper. We think you have great influence, as you should have, among the old soldiers, and that you should be supported by veterans. We hope every soldier of the war will become a subscriber to the only fraternal veterans have in this country."

Random Shots.

Lon S. Wilson, Co. L, 1st Iowa Cav., Lebanon, Mo., writes: "I wish to say to you concerning the snuff of this way to procure."

homeless camp cannot do better than to come to the dense County, Mo. Land is cheap here and bound to advance in value. The State is filling up with the best class of citizens, and while it has, to a certain extent, been neglected, it is now attracting the attention of the nation. I can speak from experience, as I camped for two years right where this town now stands, and on my return to the old camping-ground I saw so much improvement and so fair a prospect for rapid development of the country that I have made my home ever since. We have a fine school, a fine church, and a fine Post Office, and members, of which I am Quartermaster, would be glad to give any of my comrades

information regarding the country and to come all who can find it to their interests come."

Henry Hirse, Co. I, 36th Ill., Winches Mo., says that the same day, McClellan sent Peter Pelican, of his company, at battle of Pea Ridge, Ark. After shooting Culloch Pelican jumped over the fence which was between them, secured the General's watch, pulled off one of his boots, and was going to secure the other, when compelled to retreat by a squad of cavalry approaching, who made him recross the fence at a lively pace. He would like to hear from any of his old regiment.

Benjamin Arthur, Co. B, 77th Pa., Mid-

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have often wondered how many of that line squad are still on top of the sod. The morning after we were rescued and taken by a White River draw raton and clothing I pulled off my boots and sold them to a trader for \$10. I think he was a Captain in some Ohio regiment. If he is still living hope he will write to TIRE NATIONAL TUNE and tell what he knows about it. If a comrade says that was in that ward, hope he will write a few lines at least."

Xavier, Street, Co. D. 35th Ind., Reno, Ind. enlisted Sept. 8, 1861, was never on leave, was never sick but one month. His brother Philip was killed at the battle of Lookout Mountain, Mo. That he the battle only.

that was taken prisoner by a woman during the war. On the march from Murfreesboro to Chattanooga, Tenn., he was with a wagon train. They stopped for rest because of heat. They were short of rations, and he and a comrade went out to forage. He offered to buy some chickens of a woman, but she refused to sell to the ranks. He went to the hen-house and took a rooster, but the old lady came with a revolver and got the drop on him. He held him there until his comrade came to rescue and took the revolver from the woman and released him from the hen-house. Would like to hear from his comrades.

George M. Kinnis, First Sergeant, Co. D, 1st Kansas Cavalry, Fort Smith, Ark.

For something regarding his old comrades in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, but so far looked in vain. He hopes they will wake and say something about the brave old men. Nearly one-third of the regiment were Portuguese, Co. D being entirely from that State. This company had six brothers in the name of Whitley, one being the First Lieutenant. One of these brothers died in Andersonville; the rest got home safely, and four of them are now living. The soldiers of this regiment are proud of the fight being made by THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE in their behalf, and that it would be a good thing to take some of the perplexing surplus and give it to soldiers.

J. C. Fuller, Co. D, 24th N. Y. Cav., Mansfield, says, reading the letter of Col. Moore, of the 24th N. Y., where he speaks of Rome's battery, reminded of the time when his company reported this battery at Spotsylvania Courthouse, May 10, 1864. It was his first experience of artillery firing, and he thought of judgment had come. The battery boys remember the flat-footed cavalry companies they should see this communication. would like some of the 24th N. Y. Cav. to so their bugle through THE NATIONAL TRAIL.

Joe H. L. Pringle, Co. I, 1st Iowa Cav., Shiley, Neb., says that his company shall the service regarding the number of persons the same name belonging to it. They had Davises, four Danielces, four Hawkess and four Williamess. What company in the service during the war outside of the colored troops can beat this? They were all brothers, which makes it "a little more binding." He thinks the account of the Centralia massacre given by J. M. Russell in THE NATION TRIBUNE of June 14 the most correct that has ever been written, and he thanks the Cap for the story. He was one of the boys who pursued the cutthroats, and knows the account was absolutely correct.

Corporal Lee, Co. C, 35 Ohio Cav., Norwalk, thinks that Comrade Edgar Long, Co. M, Ohio Cav., is mistaken when he says the 17th Ind. did not have sabers on the Wilson raid, for he remembers that they were thus armed and made one of the finest charges of that celebrated raid. He thinks the 17th Ind. must all be dead, or they would come out of their holes and speak up; or else they do read the soldier's friend, THE NATIONAL TRUNE. Would like some of Wilder's Brigade write something. They were good fighters, some of them must be good writers.

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